

**RECALL R00DR
RE-NOTIFICATION**

January 31, 2002

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

On March 27, 2000 Blue Bird Body Company issued recall R00DR (copy enclosed) regarding a potential safety defect on the Bendix R12DC brake relay valve plumbing on certain 1998, 1999, 2000 model year buses. See attached recall for models affected.

According to our records this recall has not been performed on your buses identified by body number on the attached pink reply sheet. We are therefore re-notifying you of recall R00DR and urge you to complete this recall as soon as possible and to return the enclosed pink reply sheet indicating recall has been performed. A postage paid pink reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have previously submitted the requested information, please resubmit on the enclosed pink reply sheet so we may update our recall records.

If you should have any questions regarding recall R00DR, give me a call at 478-822-2242.

Sincerely,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator



R00DR

March 27, 2000

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exist in certain 1998, 1999 and 2000 year model Blue Bird All American **front** and **rear** engine school and transit buses and TC/2000, Q'Bus and Commercial Series, **rear** engine school and transit buses, all equipped with Bendix ABS (anti-lock) brakes. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

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Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by recall R00DR are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. Your buses should be inspected and if necessary modified according to the instructions provided.

If you no longer own the subject bus (es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

You may perform this modification yourself or have the work done by a qualified repair facility convenient to you. You may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. No parts are required to complete this modification.

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Upon completion of the recall, the owner should complete and return the pink reply sheet in the postage-prepaid envelope provided. The owner may request reimbursement of labor costs by completing the appropriate section of the pink reply sheet. If repair is performed by other than the owner or a Blue Bird distributor, attach a copy of the paid work order/invoice to the reply sheet. Time required to perform recall R00DR is 0.2 hours per bus.

Important: Your prompt return of the pink reimbursement sheet, complete with the correct Body Serial Numbers, permits Blue Bird to update the record indicating recall has been completed and prevents the mailing of a second notice. This is much appreciated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (912) 822-2242.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY RECALL R00DR BENDIX R12DC RELAY VALVE PLUMBING MODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Bendix R12DC relay valve is located on the chassis crossmember in front of the rear axle. The Bendix R12DC relay valve should have two 3/8" air lines attached to the top portion of the valve. A 3/8" black airline should be attached to the top of the valve (primary port) and a 3/8" red (or brown) airline should be attached to the side adjacent to top port (secondary port). See Figure 1.

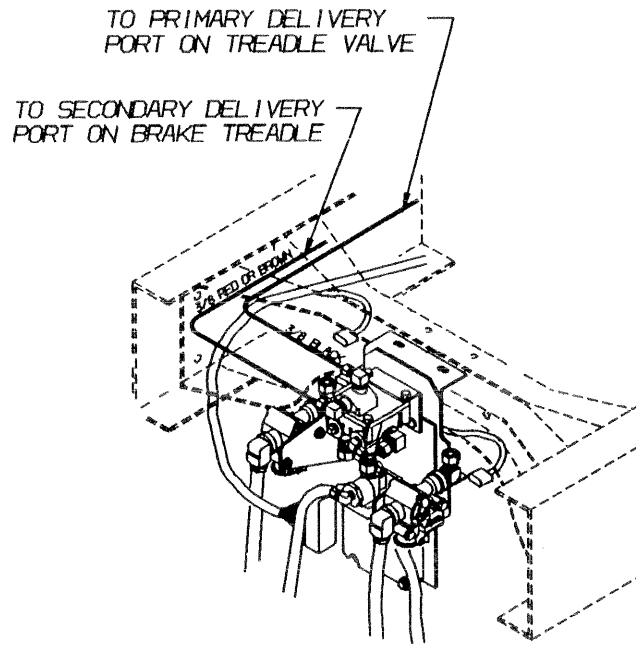


Figure 1

INSPECTION

1. Apply parking brake.
2. Remove keys from ignition.
3. Chock wheels.
4. Inspect airline connections at the Bendix R12DC relay valve.
5. If airlines are plumbed according to Figure 1, no further action is necessary. Remove wheel chocks.
6. If not, proceed to instructions for airline relocation on page 2.

AIRLINE RELOCATION FOR SERVICE LINES ON R12 RELAY VALVE

1. Remove keys from ignition.
2. Chock wheels.
3. Drain all air tanks.
4. Using a 5/8" open end wrench, remove the 3/8" black airline and the 3/8" red (or brown) airline from the Bendix R12DC relay valve.
5. Install the 3/8" black airline in the top port (primary port) of the R12DC relay valve and the 3/8" red (or brown) airline into the side port (secondary port) adjacent to the top port (See Figure 1 on page 1).
6. Close air tank drain valves.
7. Start engine and build up air pressure.
8. Stop engine. Remove key.
9. Have someone apply service brakes and check repositioned airlines for leaks.
10. Remove wheel chocks.